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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/071,228
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Dear Examiner Wong,

This is with regard to a request for an Examiner Interview in the above-identified patent application. Thank you very much for letting me know that you are available for the interview.

We would like to schedule a telephone interview for Jan 27 (Wed) at 3pm. David Burns and I (Ishna Neamatullah) will be participating in the interview.

During the interview, we wish to discuss the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of the independent claims in view of See and Moriconi. In particular, we wish to focus on the following features of claim 1:
"associating... the one or more service abstractions with the identity of the authenticated user of the communications network" and
"in response to receipt of a packet at any of the network devices from the authenticated user, using... the one or more service abstractions associated with the identity of the authenticated user to control usage of network resources on the communications network."

In the Office Action, the Moriconi reference was cited as disclosing or suggesting the above features. The Moriconi reference appears to discuss granting/denying *access* to an application or an operation by a user based on the user's ID. However, the Moriconi reference does not disclose or suggest associating a *service abstraction* with the identity of a user, where a service abstraction *includes a named set of one or more packet rules that, in combination, provide a communications network service*.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if you wish to change the interview time. Otherwise, we will give you a call at your office (571-272-8197) at the scheduled time.

Sincerely,
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